

Bible Study at Spelman

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At Spelman Seminary we have a Sabbath-school, which all the girls of the institution attend every Sabbath morning. They are classified according to the grades of the school. Each girl is required to have her own Bible and has to be in Sabbath-school every Sabbath. We study the International Lessons. Every year Miss Upton and myself give all the pupils a copy of the International Lessons, with the golden text. We also send them to the older members of the family and to all former

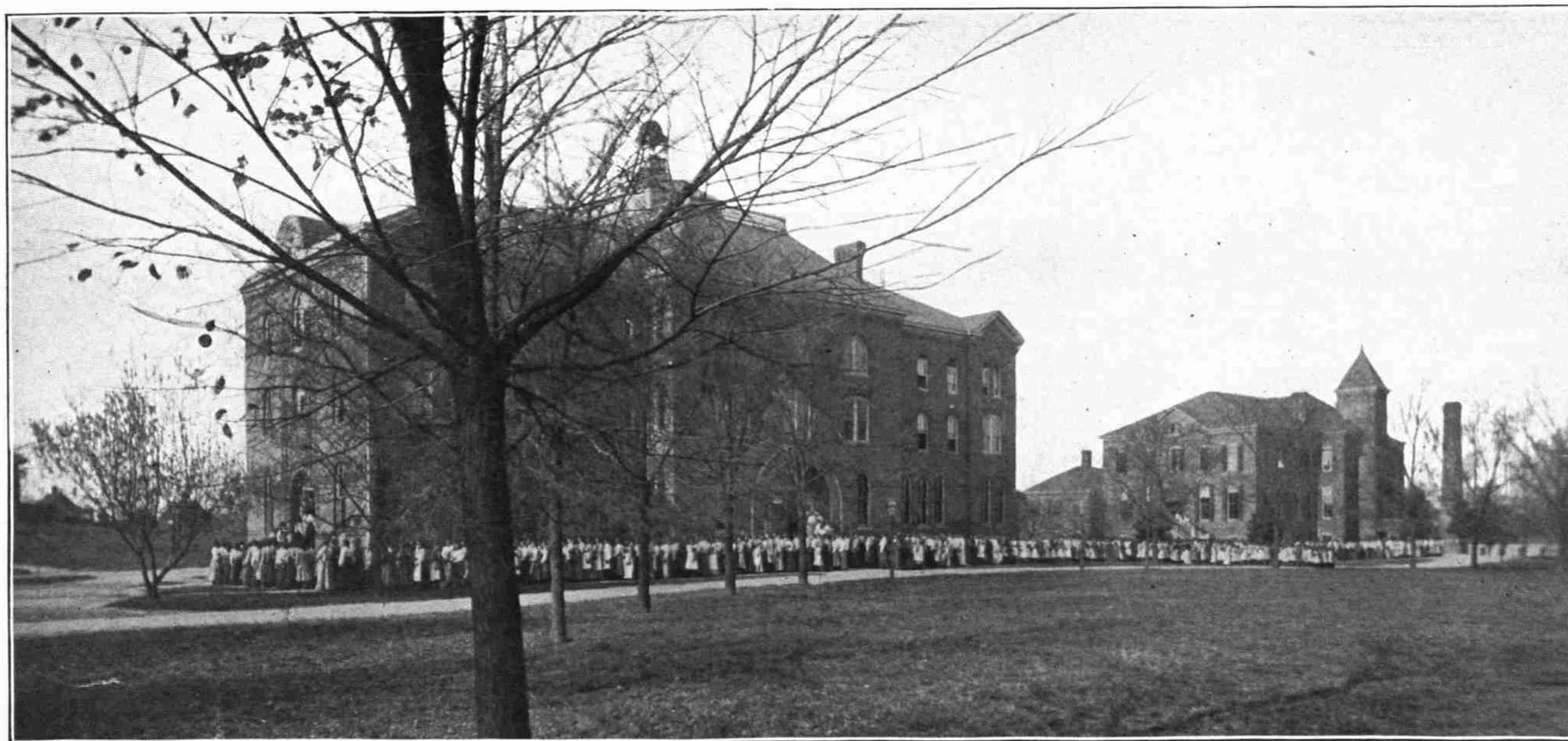
pupils whom we know would make good use of them and who teach in Sabbath-school.

Many of our girls go out to teach in Sabbath-schools. Many of them teach in the lower grades, and a great need is for them

to know how to teach. A young girl in the fifth grade wrote me that she had gathered the little children together and was teaching them the lessons she had learned at Spelman, and she was teaching her mother and giving her the lessons she had learned from Miss Upton. I receive other letters from girls who have organized Sabbath-schools wherever they have had the opportunity. They are very helpful to the pastors in the places where they reside.

Daily Bible Lessons

We have daily Bible lessons, a regular course of Bible study in our school. Each girl is required to bring her own Bible whenever she comes to any religious exercise. One girl wrote home and said there were a great many girls, but she was very sure that if she took her Bible and went to chapel, she was with the right class. We believe in religious instruction in schools as they do in all these denominational schools. The Bible is the first thing that our pupils should be taught. Our aim and purpose is to reach them morally and religiously and to help them to keep good homes. And as we go into the homes of our girls, we are cheered and gratified at the great improvement we find in them.



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